



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: March 26 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bob Pancich

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Travis Harp

SECRET GREETER: Jack Lawson

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **everyone shook except Ev's guest, Ev paid fine**

President's Toast: Brett Howell (Scott Latrey)

GUESTS: Steve Brown (Ev Hall)(Dallas Lopez's step-brother)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

DUES NEED TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND MAIL. THANK YOU

Girl Scout cookies are available. See Jennifer or Becka Rutledge.

Hank Seeman has not had surgery yet. He's got some other medical issues to take care of first. Keep him in your thots and prayers

Matt Ott is getting checked out by the VA. He is having trouble standing up without passing out or having convulsions. Keep him in your thots and prayers.

Rhoda Bargas 8 yr old niece, Morgan, received a Make a Wish come true. She has gotten a match for a liver. She was med-a-vac'd from Great Falls to Denver to the Children's Hospital yesterday and is undergoing liver transport surgery. Please keep her and all of Rhoda's family in your thots and prayers.

Kathy Christiansen brought out that Uptown has supported the Sun River Valley Lion's Club. Can borrow their Easter bunny suit. James Rehm has an egg hunt that can use the suit

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: Dallas Lopez reported that there are no new numbers yet

P.R.: John Gregory is working with Stacey Murray on thank you's for the cleansing of Kyler Strieb house. John is also working on publicizing the 501c3 status

STRIPING: Fellow Optimists: I REALLY GOOFED BY ONE WEEK ON THIS ONE. SEE REVISED SCHEDULE. I hope that those of you who have committed will reaffirm ASAP. I am short of help! United Materials has requested that we schedule Saturday **3/28/2015** to stripe the rest of the Talus Apartments parking lot. United will be done paving on Friday, 3/27/15. This is a large, spread out lot.

Chris Ward and helpers will layout beginning at 7:30 AM. The rest of the crew will begin striping at 9 AM

Location: 25th Street South and 21st Ave South (Just South of Centene) Lets meet in the middle just off 21st Ave South.

At 9 AM I Need: **10 Optimists** **About 3 Hours**

Please let me know ASAP that you will work.

Yours in Optimism,
Bob

CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT: July 25

JUNIOR GOLF: Dana Audet

CASCADE OF TALENT: Herb Waltermire reported that no new numbers are in yet

CCC FAMILIES: Kyler Strieb is back home and healthy. Will have a check up in April in Seattle

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt

PROGRAM: Dave Crum, GFPS Executive Director for 5 years, 501C3, independent of district, whose purpose is to raise money for the children of the school district. There are 3 goals - Discovery Grants (given to teachers to enhance education. Currently teaching parents to "teach" at Valley View) - Excellence in Education (both CMR and GFHS select students along with Paris Gibson for publication and ceremony honoring students and teachers. This year, BNSF is contributing for the school district) - Scholarships (30 at GFHS, 16 at CMR, about \$88,000 for students. And now about \$20,000 for teachers). Other projects include a library at Skyline for pre-k students, food pantries at the schools, environmental education programs, working with the Voyagers to raise \$5000 and

a truck raffle that raised \$104,000 in 2013 and \$109,270 in 2014. The Foundation has given \$700,000 in the past 4 years.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Ronnie Grina

Upcoming - Ev Hall

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UPCOMING:

March 28 - Presidential Roast for Butch Ingebrigtsen, Heritage Inn. 6pm for no host cocktails, 7pm dinner (broiled steak or red snapper), 8pm the roast followed by dancing. Dress code is business casual, tuxes are acceptable. Contact Shane Newman to RSVP, 868-1264 or 467-2703, leave a message

April 9 - Club Oratorical Contest, Holiday Inn

April 11 - STEEM Expo, GFHS, judges needed

May 15-16 - 3rd Quarter District Convention, Holiday Inn, Great Falls. Octagon Club will run the Children's activities. Liz Drahos will run the Companion activities. Friday is a Western theme event. Jody Merry is Committee Chair. Saturday day will be the workshops and oratorical contest. Saturday will be the banquet. Lots of entertainment is lined up. Hospitality Suite. For the Silent Auction, items are needed

July 25 - CCC Golf Tournament

August 13-15 - District Convention, Calgary

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Steve Malek 3/9 John Gregory 3/19 Morgan Leach 3/26
Pat Goodover 3/31 Ronnie Grina 4/1 Henry Woloszyn 4/2 Jan Mader 4/4

SIDE POT:

Optimist gift:



Officers & Board Members:

PRESIDENT: John Huotari/ **1ST VP:** Eric Christian / **2ND VP:** Travis Harp

SECRETARY: Rachel Huotari / TREASURER: Herb Waltermire

BOARD MEMBERS: Sue Bridgeford, Herb Waltermire, Eric Christian, Travis Harp, John Huotari, Rachel Huotari, Stacey Murray, Shane Neuman, Loralie Schroedel, Ike Kaufman, Matt Ott and Denny Hanenburg

Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the Great Falls Transition Center 6:00 PM

Octagon Club meets Tuesday night at 6 pm at the 1st United Methodist. Teenagers and Uptown are all welcome

FOO Members: Bargas Brigade Randy Bogden James Carpenter Stephen Hagan
Montana Federal Credit Union Smoot Honey Co., Inc State Farm Insurance
Stewart Title True Brew Espresso Eugene Tynes, DDSPC
Sommerfeld & Sons Land & Livestock Advanced Agency Alliance

Loralie – mail newsletters to Hank Seeman, Gary Wallace and Mike Peet

*****I really don't think that I am as old as I am. I use as evidence not the activities that I engage in, though there are some that others as old as me have ceased. Rather, I use as evidence the dumb things I say and do. For confirmation of that thought, I look to essayist and journalist H.L. Mencken who said, "*The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.*" Now there is a refreshing thought. Just when I thought that I was nearing the top of the hill or perhaps on a quick slide down the other side, I find that being a bit befuddled and mistake prone is a sign of youth. Celebrate the mistakes. They keep you young.

Ev Hall ☺

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